

Education and Local Government Interim Committee
SJR 20 Panel Discussion, 09/25/15

Questions for Panelists

1. Are all of the public roads (whether or not they cross state trust land) in the county you represent identified and mapped? Of those roads, what portion are dedicated county roads that the legal status as a county road is known and what portion whose status is unknown?
2. Is your county engaged in identifying all possible county roads and designating them as such?
 - a. Can you estimate the time and resource dedication that would be required to accurately identify, designate, and map all of the county roads in the county you represent?
3. How are county roads identified and the locations made available in the county you represent (i.e. road books only, electronic means, maps)? If a person wants to see where the roads are located in your county, do they examine road books, look at maps, or some combination?
4. Do you see a need for a statewide program or some kind of state assistance for identification and mapping of all county roads, whether or not they cross state trust land?
5. Has the county you represent been actively applying for historic rights-of-way on state trust land? If not, why?
6. Where is your county in the process of acquiring historic rights-of-way on state trust land?
7. What have been the impediments to completing the process? Identification of roads? Lack of funds? Disagreement with the process? Statutory language?
 - a. If your county has completed the process, what were the major impediments? How did you pay for the easements?
8. What have been the problems in your county associated with lack of clear legal rights-of-way where county roads cross state trust land?
9. If state assistance was to be made available to counties to compensate the trust beneficiaries for easements, would the county you represent take advantage of it? How should the counties that have already paid full market value for the historic rights-

of-way be compensated?

10. Has the county you represent considered loans or payment schedules to help budget for the expense of acquiring the easements?
11. Do you see opportunities for counties to partner with utilities to share the cost of acquiring easements?
12. What are your suggestions for this committee as it continues the study? Do you have specific ideas for possible resolution to these issues?